



CLASS - 8

SOCIAL SCIENCE



Chapter 1: Natural Resources and Their Use

Questions and Activities

Que 1. What can make what is today a renewable resource non-renewable tomorrow? Describe some actions that can prevent this from happening.

Ans:- A renewable resource can become non-renewable if it is used faster than nature can replace it. For example, excessive cutting of forests and overuse of groundwater can reduce their availability.

Actions to prevent this:

1. Use resources wisely and avoid wastage.
2. Plant as many trees as possible. (afforestation).
3. Harvest rainwater.
4. Reduce pollution.
5. Follow sustainable farming and fishing practices.

Que 2. Name five ecosystem functions that serve humans.

Ans:- Five ecosystem functions that benefit humans are:

1. Providing oxygen for breathing.
2. Purifying air and water.
3. Maintaining soil fertility.
4. Pollination of crops by insects.
5. Keeping the climate balanced.
6. Providing food and medicines.

Que 3. What are renewable resources? How are they different from non-renewable ones? What can people do to ensure that renewable resources continue to be available for our use and that of future generations? Give two examples.

Ans: Those resources that are reclaimed by nature in a short period of time are called renewable resources.

Difference:

1. Renewable resources are regenerated, while non-renewable resources are not.
2. Renewable resources can be used for a long time.

To conserve renewable resources:

1. Use them carefully and avoid overexploitation.
2. Protect forests and water bodies.
3. Promote recycling and conservation.

Examples of renewable resources: Sunlight and forests.

Que 4. Identify cultural practices in your home and neighbourhood that point to mindfulness in the use of natural resources.

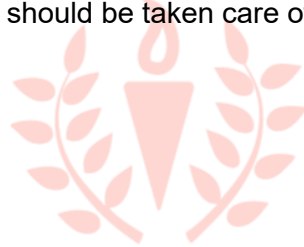
Ans:- Some cultural practices showing mindful use of natural resources are:

1. Saving water during daily activities.
2. Reusing bags, bottles, and containers.
3. Planting trees on religious occasions.
4. Not wasting food.
5. Celebrating festivals in an eco-friendly manner.
6. Switching off lights and fans when not in use.

Que 5. What are some considerations to keep in mind in the production of goods for our current use?

Ans:- The following points should be considered while producing goods:

1. There should be limited use of natural resources.
2. Minimal damage to the environment.
3. Save energy.
4. Recyclable materials should be used.
5. The needs of future generations should be taken care of.



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